

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

MOTHER OF SERENITY COURT #2466
EDUCATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION - 2026

DEADLINE: APRIL 13, 2026

PART 1: (Please print clearly)

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

PARENT'S TELEPHONE/CELL NUMBERS: (respectively) _____

PARENTS' EMAIL: _____

Those eligible to apply for Educational Award are 2026 graduating high school seniors who are parish-active members of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

REQUIREMENTS

- Sections 1 and 2 of Part II are to be completed on the sheet labeled Part II with **NO** additional sheets attached and signed by the High School Counselor, Employer, OR Parent (depending on your selection) **and** Youth Minister/Parish Priest. (**ONLY high school years.**)
- Each applicant must submit an essay addressing the question in Section 3 of Part II. **All essays must be:** 1. Written in English only; 2. Typed, no handwritten; 3. At least one full page; no more than two pages; 4. Font size 12, double-spaced
- The applicant must not mention his/her name or make any other identifying reference within the essay, on the essay, or Sections 1 and 2. **Failure to comply will result in disqualification.**
- Each applicant must sign the Student Certification Statement on Part III that the Essay is his/her own creation.
- *Judging will be based on clear depiction of the theme: 1. Originality; 2. Grammar; 3. Spelling - use a spellchecker if necessary; 4. Punctuation; 5. Neatness; 6. Adherence to the requirements. (follow the rules)*
- **ALL APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY April 13, 2026.**
 - You may drop off during church office hours before or by the due date.
 - All applications will be date and time stamped in office.
 - Emailed applications will **NOT** be accepted.

******IF MAILING through USP, PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 for the address.******

PART II: Section 1 - 25% High School Activities: UIL programs (athletics, music, theatre, academics); school organizations (leadership positions, if any); and community service related to school activities. **OR** If you have a job, how do you use your income to benefit your family and/or community? **OR** Describe your family relationships and responsibilities. How does this prepare you for real-world work ethics, integrity and discipline?

_____**OR**_____ **OR**_____

School Counselor Signature **Employer/Team Leader** **Parents' Signature**

Section 2 - 25% Church Activities: Involvement in church programs; community service through those programs. Include only High School years.

Youth Minister or Parish Priest Signature

PART II: While applicants must address all three sections, the greatest emphasis should be placed in Section 3.

Section 3 - 50% **Essay:** Respond fully to the following prompt. DO NOT include any activities from Sections 1 and 2.

2026 ESSAY THEME:

"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me."
Jn 15:27

Guidelines: Jesus's final instructions to his followers, where he explains that he is sending the Holy Spirit to help them testify about Him, even when the world persecutes them. Be inspired by the lives of: Blessed Carlo Acutis, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Ivan Merz.

PART III:

Student Certification

I attest that this essay is my own original creation and that the information on the application is accurate.

Applicant's Signature_____

College or Technical School you will be attending in the Fall of 2026: here

MAILINGS MUST BE POST MARKED NO LATER THAN April 13, 2026.

Lilia Arevalo c/o
CDA Court Mother of Serenity, #2466
1802 Bethel Road
Weatherford, Texas 76086

To be completed in office:

Number: _____ Postmarked: _____

Received: _____ Time: _____

To be completed by CDA EA chairman:

Met Requirements: (YES) _____ (NO) _____